

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BROOKS, )  
Petitioner, )  
vs. )  
JAMES DELOACH, (OR OTHER PERSON ) CASE NO.: 1:07-cv-00505-MHT-CSC  
HAVING CUSTODY OF PETITIONER) )  
AND )  
HONORABLE TROY KING, )  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE )  
STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
Respondent(s). )

**OBJECTION TO RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

COMES NOW Petitioner, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BROOKS, by and through undersigned counsel, J. E. SAWYER, JR., and in response to the Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge states that his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus should not be dismissed, and for grounds states as follows:

1. Under the *Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure* Rule 32.2(a), Preclusion of Remedy, “[a] petitioner will not be given relief under this rule based upon any ground: (4) [w]hich was raised or addressed on appeal . . .”
2. Petitioner raised and addressed the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals (criminal appeal number CR-04-0708), in an Application for Rehearing to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, and in a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Alabama (Alabama Supreme Court number 1051397).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner has raised the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel in multiple appeal proceedings, and *Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure* Rule 32 does not preclude Petitioner from habeas corpus relief. For this reason, Petitioner prays for this Court to not dismiss his petition for failure to exhaust state remedies.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on this the 19th day of July, 2007.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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